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SUBJECT: Church-State Relations

Summary: New government pressures on Church leadership in São Paulo have increased tensions in Church-State relations. End Summary.

1. On April 13 Federal Police began on-site censorship of Church's official weekly newspaper, O São Paulo. Censors barred publication of article in May 6 edition and paper carried ~~black~~ blank space on front page where article would have appeared. Church authorities claim this first time in Brazilian history that their official publications have been subjected to censorship. Internal ~~bulletin~~ ^{bulletin} Archdiocese of São Paulo ~~XXXXXX~~ announced imposition of censorship of O São Paulo and charged it violated laws adopted by present government. Bulletin ^{the} ~~carried~~ censored article which criticized Justice Minister Buzaid and federal police for accusations made against

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